



Workshop 4:

September 28, 2023

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP) is hosting four days of facilitated workshops to inform and advise the development of the State Energy Program (SEP) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Technical Assistance (TA) program. Feedback from State Energy Offices (SEOs) is critical to understanding and delivering high-impact technical assistance. DOE is excited to reengage with SEOs during our final workshop, focused on General Discussion.

In our last workshop, we will tackle unaddressed topics and questions.

One such topic includes braiding and stacking BIL and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding. States can braid or stack funds by coordinating multiple funding streams to support a single initiative or strategy. Each funding stream maintains its original award-specific identity, and thus is tracked and reported individually (see prompts below).

One of the pre-brief materials distributed for this workshop is a list of current direct technical assistance offered to states by DOE, encompassing programs through which state governments and/or energy offices can personally connect with experts and resources as needed.

While this is the final workshop of the series, we will continue to host office hours throughout the Fall to address states’ TA questions and gather feedback on the ongoing development of the SEP BIL TA Implementation Plan.

The specifics of the Implementation Plan will be shaped by the discussions in this workshop series.

DISCUSSION PROMPTS

Braiding and Stacking Funding Across BIL and IRA Programs

- What are your top challenges to braiding and stacking funding?*
- Does your state plan to braid or stack funding from different BIL and IRA programs? Are any states willing to provide an example?

We may incorporate more prompts into this workshop based on topics we did not adequately discuss or have time to cover in Workshops 1-3.

If you feel that there are important topics not included in the first three workshops, please let us know and we can try to build them into this workshop’s discussion as well.

We appreciate your participation and look forward to hearing from you during our final workshop.

Your input is invaluable. This month, we’ve been hosting weekly office hours on Fridays from 12:00-2:00 pm ET to gather additional TA feedback. We strongly encourage attendees to provide written feedback to your SEP Project Officer, Erin.Taylor@hq.doe.gov and/or Monica.Andrews@hq.doe.gov.